



CMAQ Project Selection Committee

Minutes – Thursday, July 7, 2016

Committee Members: Ross Patronsky, Chair (CMAP), Keith Privett (CDOT), Mark Pitstick (RTA), President William Rodeghier (Council of Mayors), Christopher Schmidt (IDOT), Chris Snyder (Counties)

Staff Present: Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Doug Ferguson, Tom Kotarac, Jen Maddux, Martin Menninger, Russell Pietrowiak, Alvaro Villagran

Others Present: Frank Acevedo, Pat Barker, Jennifer Becker, Len Cannata, Brian Carlson, Bruce Christensen, Michael Connelly, John Donovan, Michael Fricano, Tony Greep, Patrick Knapp, Kristin Mehl (via phone), Jason Meter, Brian Pigeon, Kevin Staniel, Brian Stepp, David Tomzik, Mike Walczak, Michael Weiser

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Patronsky called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mr. Ferguson announced that additional materials on agenda item 6.0 were distributed to Committee members. Mr. Patronsky announced that, under agenda item 5.0, eight projects with schedule changes will be considered in one motion, as the program is able to accommodate them.

3.0 Approval of Minutes—April 7, 2016

On a motion by President Rodeghier and seconded by Mr. Pitstick, the minutes of the April 7, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 Program Monitoring

4.1 Project Programming Status Sheets

Mr. Ferguson reported that the recurring reports on the programming status of active and deferred projects and the line item changes since the last meeting of the Project Selection Committee were included in the meeting packet. He noted that the sheets do not include changes from the May status updates; staff will be making those changes soon.

4.2 Programming Summary and Obligation Goal

Mr. Ferguson reported that an update on CMAQ obligations for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2016 was included in the meeting packet. He stated that just over \$16.6 million has been obligated and the obligation goal of \$123 million was ambitious.

Mr. Patronsky stated that since the obligation goal is not close to being met, staff discussed programming contingency projects, as the program management rules call for. He continued that the CMAQ program has had three to four good years with high obligations, and this one bad year does not dictate a need to rush into programming contingency projects.

Mr. Connelly stated that the changes to program management rules affected project implementers and got results. He thought it was appropriate to wait before resorting to contingency projects. Mr. Pitstick asked if there were any projects still trying to be programmed in FFY 2016. Mr. Ferguson replied that all projects requesting a schedule change to 2016 have been reprogrammed.

4.3 May Status Updates

Mr. Ferguson reported that an update on the FFY 2016 line items was included in the meeting packet. He noted that while that status updates indicated that about \$66 million is expected to be obligated by the end of FFY 2016, staff experience indicates that about 50-60% of that will actually be obligated.

4.4 Transit Expenditure Quarterly Updates

Mr. Ferguson reported that an update on transit project expenditures through March 31, 2016 was included in the meeting packet. A total of three projects have been completed but not closed out: two CTA bus retrofits and CDOT's Morgan Station. A total of eight active projects have had no expenditures. He continued that about \$131 million has been expended on active projects, with a remaining balance of about \$219 million. Mr. Pitstick asked if those amounts are for the year or the quarter, and Mr. Ferguson replied that they are for the year. Mr. Pitstick stated that of RTA's projects, about \$3 million was for the interagency signage project, which RTA presented at the January meeting, and the remainder is for the transit signal priority project, which he will be presenting today.

4.5 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L)

Mr. Ferguson reported that staff has proposed that the TAP-L program use the program management process used for the CMAQ program, and that the CMAQ Project Selection Committee review and approve project changes. This will allow for more efficient use of staff time and provide more flexibility to move eligible projects between programs to meet obligation goals. He noted that such a move had occurred at the last Transportation Committee meeting, and that another such move is included in this meeting's project changes. Finally, Mr. Ferguson stated that a listing of the currently programmed TAP-L projects was included in the packet.

5.0 Project Changes

Mr. Ferguson reported that the first project listed in the table of the Project Change Request memo (02-12-0001) was for a \$222,531 cost increase due to an over obligation. The intersection improvement project was authorized as AC back in December for \$1.5M.

In May it was converted from AC by IDOT central office staff but for \$1.7M without requesting a cost increase. At this time a request for a cost increase is moot but staff wanted to make the committee aware of the increase in cost.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the projects in agenda items 5.1 – 5.7 and 5.12 are requesting schedule changes to move phases up in the program. He continued that they can all be accommodated in the program and asked that the Committee approve them as a group. On a motion made by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by Mr. Pitstick, the requested schedule changes for the projects in agenda items 5.1 – 5.7 and 5.12 were approved.

5.1 Schaumburg – IL 62/Algonquin Rd (TIP ID 03-03-0102)

The sponsor requested a schedule change to reprogram right of way funds from FFY 2018 to FFY 2017 and construction/construction engineering funds from FFY 2019 to FFY 2018. The schedule change was approved.

5.2 Cicero – Cicero Access to Transit Improvements (TIP ID 05-16-0003)

The sponsor requested a schedule change to reprogram phase 2 engineering funds from FFY 2018 to FFY 2016 and construction/ construction engineering funds from FFY 2019 to FFY 2017. The schedule change was approved.

5.3 IEPA - Railserve\Ingredion Switcher Locomotive Engine Replacement (TIP ID 13-16-0001)

The sponsor requested a schedule change to reprogram implementation funds from FFY 2019 to FFY 2017. The schedule change was approved.

5.4 Rosemont - Rosemont CTA Station Pedestrian (TIP ID 04-16-0001)

The sponsor requested a schedule change to reprogram the construction funds from FFY 2018 to FFY 2017. The schedule change was approved.

5.5 University Park - University Park Metra Transit Access (TIP ID 07-16-0006)

The sponsor requested a schedule change to reprogram the phase 2 engineering funds from FFY 2018 to FFY 2016. The schedule change was approved.

5.6 Richton Park - Richton Park Metra Electric Station Area Access (TIP ID 07-16-0005)

The sponsor requested a schedule change to reprogram the phase 2 engineering funds from FFY 2018 to FFY 2016. The schedule change was approved.

5.7 Oak Forest - Oak Forest TOD Area Access to Transit Improvements (TIP ID 07-16-0004)

The sponsor requested a schedule change to reprogram the phase 2 engineering funds from FFY 2018 to FFY 2016. The schedule change was approved.

5.8 Romeoville - Romeoville Metra Station and Parking (TIP ID 12-10-0001)

Mr. Ferguson reported that the sponsor is requesting reinstatement of the deferred construction/construction engineering funds and a cost increase of \$320,000 federal

(\$400,000 total) in FFY 2017. On a motion made by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by President Rodeghier, the requested cost increase and reinstatement of deferred funds was approved.

5.9 Blue Island – Cal-Sag Trail (Blue Island East Segment) (TIP ID 06-06-0061)

Mr. Ferguson reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$1,011,000 federal (\$1,264,000 total) for construction in FFY 2016. He continued that staff recommends reprogramming the construction phase of this project, including the requested cost increase, with TAP-L funds, noting that other sections of the Cal-Sag trail are funded with TAP-L funds and are delayed, and this section is a natural replacement. Mr. Privett asked which projects are delayed. Mr. Ferguson responded that part of the portion in Alsip is connected with a road project that is delayed; the project will be split in two after confirmation from the project sponsor. On a motion made by President Rodeghier and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the reprogramming of the construction phase, including the requested cost increase, with TAP-L funds was approved.

5.10 IDOT - US 6/Southwest Hwy at Gougar Rd (TIP ID 12-12-0005)

Mr. Ferguson reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$564,000 federal (\$1,244,000 total) for construction in FFY 2016. On a motion made by Mr. Snyder and seconded by President Rodeghier, the requested cost increase was approved.

5.11 IDOT - IL 38/Roosevelt Rd at Ardmore Av (TIP ID 08-12-0002)

Mr. Ferguson reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$856,000 federal (\$1,070,000 total) for ROW and \$504,000 federal (\$630,000 total) for construction in FFY 2016. On a motion made by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by Mr. Privett, the requested cost increase was approved.

5.12 Midlothian - Midlothian Metra Station Area Access Improvements (TIP ID 07-16-0003)

The sponsor requested a schedule change to reprogram the phase 2 engineering from FFY 2018 to FFY 2016 and the construction funds from FFY 2019 to FFY 2017. The schedule change was approved.

5.13 Elgin - Elgin CBD Bike Racks Program (TIP ID 09-12-0009)

Mr. Ferguson reported that the sponsor is requesting reinstatement of \$8,000 federal (\$10,000 total) deferred phase 2 engineering funds and an increase of \$4,000 federal (\$7,900 total) for phase 2 engineering in FFY 2016. He continued that the sponsor is also requesting a reduction of \$4,000 federal (\$0 total) for construction, which remains deferred. On a motion made by Mr. Privett and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the requested cost increase was approved.

5.14 Tinley Park – 183rd St at Oak Park Ave (TIP ID 07-10-0001)

Mr. Ferguson reported that the sponsor requested the withdrawal of this project from the CMAQ program. Staff made the change as an administrative modification.

5.15 Kane County DOT – Randall Rd Transit Infrastructure Improvements (TIP ID 09-14-0005)

Mr. Ferguson reported that the sponsor requested a sponsorship change of this project to Pace. Staff made the change as an administrative modification.

6.0 RTA’s Regional Transit Signal Priority Integration Plan, Five Year Implementation: Priority Corridors (TIP ID 13-12-0002)

Mr. Ferguson reported that the RTA is requesting a scope change described in the change request memo. Mr. Pitstick gave a presentation on RTA’s transit signal priority project (TSP), included in the 2012-2016 CMAQ program. Mr. Pitstick reported that the RTA is requesting a scope change from 33 corridors and 1,000 intersections to 13 corridors and 400 intersections. Mr. Snyder asked how the 13 corridors were prioritized. Mr. Pitstick responded that in Chicago, CTA is focused on Ashland Avenue and Western Avenue; they are two of a few corridors in the city with modernized signals and CTA has recently implemented express bus service on both. Mr. Tomzik reported that in the suburbs, Pace has federal earmarked funds to be used for transit signal priority and the corridors were prioritized by highest ridership and in coordination with the Arterial Rapid Transit program. Mr. Connelly reported that CTA optimized the Ashland corridor by implementing standard spacing between bus stops and, while data is still being gathered on TSP, the GPS currently on buses has shown a 22% reduction in travel time on the Ashland express service and a 9% reduction on the Ashland local service and he believes these numbers will increase after TSP implementation. Mr. Privett stated that Ashland and Western are high ridership corridors. Mr. Snyder asked if the remaining 20 corridors would be prioritized in the future, and noted that DuPage County has made TSP related improvements on some of the corridors. Mr. Tomzik responded that Pace will continue to look for funding opportunities to implement TSP on other corridors. Mr. Staniel stated that every bus can ask for TSP and the questions are when and where will controllers be ready. He continued that CTA is also looking at bus delay data to target specific intersections for TSP. Mr. Pitstick noted that streets that cross the prioritized corridors may also have TSP. On a motion made by Mr. Privett and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the requested scope change was approved.

7.0 Program Development

Mr. Ferguson provided an update on the upcoming call for projects. He stated that staff will proceed with finalizing the proposed methods presented at the April 7, 2016 meeting. Mr. Ferguson asked that feedback from committee members on the application materials be submitted prior to July 29, 2016.

8.0 FAST

Mr. Donovan reported that FHWA and FTA published a final rule on nonmetropolitan and metropolitan planning, noting that the rule does not have much impact on the CMAP region. Mr. Patrosky reported that FHWA also issued a proposed rule on CMAQ

performance measures and stated that CMAP will be submitting comments. He gave a brief overview of a proposed rule on MPO coordination and planning area reform, noting that the rule would require metropolitan planning areas to include the entire urbanized area. He continued that multiple MPOs serving different parts of an urbanized area would be required to either merge or have joint long range transportation plans, Transportation Improvement Programs, and regional performance targets, noting that the Chicago urbanized area extends into Indiana where planning is done by the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission. Finally, he stated that CMAP will continue to coordinate with the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

10.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11.0 Next Meeting

Mr. Patronsky stated that the committee's next meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

12.0 Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by President Rodeghier, the meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

CMAQ Project Selection Committee Members:

____ Darwin Burkhart

____ Mark Pitstick

____ Chris Schmidt

____ Luann Hamilton

____ Jeffery Schielke

____ Chris Snyder

____ Ross Patronsky, Chair